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ISLAMIC INTERF IT FREE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Interest Free Islamic Banking Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details Thereof;

(c) whether the Government has opened any center for Interest Free Banking in the overseas branches of Nationalised Banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d) There is no proposal for introduction or Islamic banking in India. However, RBI is looking at the enabling requirements, if overseas branches / subsidiaries of Indian banks have to offer Islamic banking products to ree the emerging competition in this area.